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PRAVDA: WASHINGTON, OTTAWA DISPLAY 'REALISTIC APPROACH' [illegible]

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(FROM THE CENTRAL PRESS REVIEW: PRAVDA ON COSMOS-954 INCIDENT)

(TEXT) THE SPACE SHIP AND THE ATOMIC REACTOR HAVE BECOME SYMBOLS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS. DOZENS OF ATOMIC POWER STATIONS ARE IN OPERATION TODAY, PILOT STATIONS AND EARTH SATELLITES ARE IN ORBIT. IT IS NATURAL, PRAVDA COMMENTATOR GUBAREV NOTES IN TURN, THAT ATOMIC ENERGY HAS ALSO REACHED SPACE. INSTALLED ABOARD THE SOVIET LUNAKHOD AND THE AMERICAN INTERPLANETARY STATION PIONEER, AS WELL AS THE ARTIFICIAL SATELLITES OF THE USSR AND THE UNITED STATES, ARE ISOTOPIC SOURCES OF ENERGY. THERE WAS A SMALL NUCLEAR INSTALLATION ABOARD THE COSMOS-954 SATELLITE, WHICH GENERATED ELECTRICITY TO SUPPLY THE APPARATUS ON BOARD.

ON 6 JANUARY, THE SATELLITE STOPPED OBEYING COMMANDS FROM EARTH, AND ON 24 JANUARY COSMOS-954 ENTERED THE DENSE LAYERS OF THE ATMOSPHERE IN NORTHERN CANADA. ONE OF THE MAIN LAWS IN THE DESIGN OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS IS THEIR FULL SAFETY, EVEN IN CASES OF ACCIDENT.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MET WITH JOURNALISTS IN WASHINGTON AND DESCRIBED IN DETAIL HOW CONTACTS HAD BEEN MAINTAINED REGARDING THE FATE OF THE SATELLITE COSMOS-954 THROUGHOUT JANUARY BETWEEN GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE USSR AND THE UNITED STATES. ON A REQUEST FROM THE U.S. SIDE, THE NECESSARY INFORMATION WAS HANDED OVER FROM THE USSR TO THE U.S. EMBASSY. I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS TWO POINTS, SAID BRZEZINSKI, ASSISTANT TO THE U.S. PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS: FIRST, THAT THIS INCIDENT, WHICH IN MY OPINION IS NOTHING EXCEPTIONAL IN THE SPACE AGE, IS FULLY UNDER CONTROL, AND THAT WE CONSIDER THERE TO BE NO DANGER.

A REALISTIC APPROACH TO THE OCCURRENCE WAS DISPLAYED IN WASHINGTON, OTTAWA AND A NUMBER OF OTHER CAPITALS. UNDOUBTEDLY, THE PRAVDA COMMENTATOR CONCLUDES, THIS IS THE RESULT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE.

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